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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 10/612,170  
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Inventor(s): Vahid SAADAT et al.  
Title: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR GASTRIC REDUCTION  
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action dated November 21, 2007, for which a response is due on February 21, 2008. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

This Amendment is intended to comply with the requirements of the Office Action and to place the application in condition for allowance, as provided under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 and MPEP § 714.12. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the Remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.